

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 228580
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /013 R

DRAFTED BY EA/PRCM:STAFF:MFR
APPROVED BY EA/PRCM:HETTHAYER
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION
EA

-----060523 091758Z /64

R 082345Z SEP 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USLO PEKING
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

S E C R E T STATE 228580

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, HK, US, CH, ETRD, TECH, PDIP, SEDU

SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. FRANK PRESS S & T PACKAGE (SECRET)

THE FRANK PRESS PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS FOR S & T COOPERATION WITH THE CHINESE HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED AND IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF INTERAGENCY CLEARANCE BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT. STUDENT EXCHANGE, SPACE AND ENERGY PROGRAMS WILL PROBABLY GET UNDER WAY FIRST. THE WEIGHT OF OUR COMMENTS HAS BEEN TO ENSURE THAT THE OVERALL PACKAGE GIVES PROPER CONSIDERATION TO SOVIET PERCEPTIONS AND RECIPROCITY WITH THE CHINESE AND THAT THE GEOSCIENCE PROPOSALS ADDRESS EXPORT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS MORE FULLY.

2. SY ESCORTS ON DELEGATIONS (CONFIDENTIAL)

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 228580

FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, M HAS TIGHTENED ITS RULES ON PROVIDING SY ESCORTS FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES. THIS HAS CHANGED OUR PAST POLICY OF REGULARLY ASSIGNING SY PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY FACILITATED EXCHANGE VISITORS FROM THE PRC. SINCE THESE VISITS ARE NOW ROUTINE AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH UNESCORTED NON-

FACILITATED GROUPS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO ASK FOR THE ESCORTS

ONLY FOR HIGH PROFILE GROUPS LIKE THE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE, HIGH-RANKING VIP'S, AND CASES WHERE A CLEAR THREAT EXISTS. THIS CHANGE OF POLICY BECAME EFFECTIVE WITH THE LIGHTWEIGHT MATERIALS DELEGATION THAT ARRIVED YESTERDAY AND THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS DELEGATION ARRIVING NEXT WEEK. WE INFORMED PRCLC OF THIS CHANGE ON TUESDAY. THE CHINESE HAVE NOT AS YET COMPLAINED ABOUT THE CHANGE.

3. HONG KONG'S RISING TIDE OF REFUGEES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE ELEVENTH HOUR EFFORTS REQUIRED OF CONSUL GENERAL SHOESMITH TO SECURE ADMISSION TO HONG KONG FOR THE 171 REFUGEES ABOARD THE "AMERICAN MOHAWK" UNDERSCORE THE MOUNTING PROBLEMS FACING THE HONG KONG REFUGEE PROGRAM. A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES (FROM UNDER 1,000 IN EARLY JUNE TO MORE THAN 3,500 AT PRESENT) HAS PLACED A SEVERE STRAIN ON HONG KONG'S LIMITED REFUGEE FACILITIES. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT UNLESS THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES OUT OF HONG KONG CAN BE ACCELERATED, IT MAY BE FORCED TO PUT LIMITS ON ITS PRESENT, VERY LIBERAL POLICY ON ACCEPTING REFUGEES. A UNHCR MEETING WILL BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR ON SEPTEMBER 20

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 228580

TO SEEK WAYS OF OBTAINING GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RESETTLING INDOCHINA REFUGEES.

4. CLOTHESPINS (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH EB ON STATE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERAGENCY REPORT ON CLOTHESPIN IMPORTS FROM THE PRC. AT THE STAFF LEVEL ALL AGENCIES ARE RECOMMENDING TO THEIR PRINCIPALS THAT THE PRESIDENT BE ADVISED TO TAKE NO ACTION UNDER SECTION 406 TO RESTRICT CLOTHESPIN IMPORTS FROM THE PRC. THE PRESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO ACT ON THE ITC RECOMMENDATION BY OCTOBER 2.

5. PRC VISITORS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE NUMBER OF PRC DELEGATIONS TO THE US IS GROWING RAPIDLY WITH A RECORD SIXTEEN SO FAR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER. THE MAJORITY ARE UNFACILITATED, COMMERCIALY-ORIENTED: A COAL MINING SURVEY DELEGATION HEADED BY A VICE MINISTER OF COAL INDUSTRY; A CITY ADMINISTRATORS DELEGATION INCLUDING MAJOR CITIES' VICE MAYORS; A PETROLEUM SURVEY DELEGATION HOSTED BY ATLANTIC-RICHFIELD;

TSENG TAO WITH A SECOND NCNA DELEGATION, AND A SATELLITE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP.

6. AMBASSADOR CHAI CALLS ON KREPS AND BERGLAND (SECRET)

AMBASSADOR CHAI CONTINUED HIS ROUND OF CABINET CALLS
THIS WEEK, MEETING WITH SECRETARY KREPS ON THE 7TH AND
BERGLAND ON THE 8TH. ROGER SULLIVAN ATTENDED BOTH
MEETINGS. KREPS' MEETING FOCUSED ON BILATERAL TRADE, AND
TOUCHED ON OFFSHORE OIL DEVELOPMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER. WHILE NOTING THE GROWTH IN SINO-US TRADE,
CHAI THREE TIMES REFERRED TO THE ABSENCE OF NORMALIZATION
AS PREVENTING TRADE FROM REACHING ITS FULL POTENTIAL.
THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE VISIT BY
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 228580

KREPS TO CHINA EARLY NEXT YEAR (FEBRUARY - APRIL).
CHAI'S MEETING WITH BERGLAND WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO
DISCUSSING THE AGENDA AND TIMING OF HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO
CHINA. BERGLAND PROPOSED A 7-10 DAY VISIT BEGINNING
AROUND NOVEMBER 3. HE ALSO HOPED TO INCLUDE A SMALL
GROUP OF JOURNALISTS IN HIS PARTY OF 15-20 PEOPLE. CHAI
SAID HE WOULD INFORM PEKING AND GET BACK IN TOUCH.

7. "THE GREATEST" TO PEKING? (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE SOVIET DESK HAS HEARD FROM MUHAMMAD ALI'S PEOPLE THAT
THEY WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP HIS SUCCESSFUL MOSCOW TRIP
LAST JUNE (HE SAW BREZHNEV) WITH A TRIP TO PEKING. WE
EXPECT HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR
ADVICE.

CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, POLITICAL SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE228580
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: STAFF:MFR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780368-0146
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780986/aaaactgj.tel
Line Count: 153
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f3211054-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1497537
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT
TAGS: SREF, ETRD, TECH, PDIP, SEDU, HK, US, CH
To: PEKING HONG KONG
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f3211054-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014